GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3026
ANSWERED ON:16.03.2001
AGMARK CERTIFICATION
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the agricultural food products available in the market do not conform with agmark certification;

(b) whether the Government propose to make it compulsory to get agmark certification for all the food products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to amend Agricultural Produce Grading and Marketing Act, 1937?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Agmark Certification for notified agricultural commodities is voluntary. It is for the manufacturer to get Agmark Certification for the commodity.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : There is no proposal to amend the Agricultural Produce Grading and Marketing Act, 1937.